11. G. Ramanathan, B. Sc., (Physics) 1st Class. Passed the certificate of proficiency in electrical communications engineering from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. Passed the graduateship examination of the institution of Electrical Engineers (London).

12. C. Padmanabhan Nair, B. E., Mechanical (Engineering) graduateship examination of the institution of Electrical Engineers (London). Elected A. M. I. E. E., (London).

(c) Messrs.

1. G. Ramanathan.
2. P. Ramankutty Nair for their qualifications *vide* items (11) and (2) *supra*.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I take it that the Government made the choice, as the Dewan President has stated, because of his relationship with the Chief Secretary?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: That is not the only qualification. Other qualifications also counted.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether as the selection was made by the Dewan himself, the appointment of the Committee was unnecessary?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: It is out of the selections made by the Committee that the final choice was made.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: The Dewan has stated that he is responsible for the choice of Mr. Ramankutty Nair.

PRESIDENT: The honourable member should be fair. The Secretary has answered that a committee was appointed to select the panel. The panel was placed before Government. The Dewan made the choice as the head of the Government and the choice was made only through the panel selected by the board.

Selection of candidates for higher studies in Post-War Reconstruction.

361. *MR. K. A. MATHEW: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the candidates selected for overseas training in the various engineering courses for post-war reconstruction with their respective ages;

(b) whether the applicants were interviewed; and

(c) who were the officers responsible for the selection?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS:

(a) MECHANICAL ENGINEERING:

Messrs.

(i) M. Sankara Aiyar ... 26
(ii) Alexander M. Jacob ... 27

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[Mr. C. Kumara Das]

CIVIL ENGINEERING.

Messrs.

(i) S. Rajaraman	...	32
(ii) P. H. Vaidyanathan	...	34
(iii) Mangalabhanu	...	26

ARCHITECTURE, REGIONAL PLANNING AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

Messrs.

(i) Mr. J. C. Alexander	...	30
(ii) Miss. Leela George	...	22

PUBLIC HEALTH AND HIGHWAY ENGINEERING.

Messrs.

(i) K. Jacob Thomas	...	29
(ii) V. P. Narayanan Nair	...	27

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING.

Messrs.

(i) K. G. Seshan	...	26
(ii) E. U. Alexander	...	32
(iii) S. Peermahomed	...	27
(iv) K. Govinda Pillai	...	36

COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING.

Messrs.

(i) G. Ramanathan	...	29
(ii) P. Ramankutty Nair	...	24

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING.

Messrs.

(i) K. G. Hrishikesan	...	25
(ii) S. Arumughom	...	27
(iii) K. K. Sankunni Nair	...	38

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Boards consisting of the following persons were appointed to select a panel of candidates for training in these subjects :

Subjects.	*Boards.*
Mechanical Engineering Civil Engineering. Architecture, Regional Planning Building Construction Public Health and Highway Engineering. Electrical Engineering. Communications Engineering.	(1) Chief Engineer (2) Principal, Engineering College.
Chemical Engineering.	(1) Chief Engineer. (2) Principal, Engineering College. (3) Acting Electrical Engineer, (1) Director of Research, (2) Pro-Vice-Chancellor, (3) Mr. A. G. Pandit.

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Government made the selection from the panel selected by the Boards.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know why these candidates were not interviewed by the committee?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: There was practically no time for it.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: I do not understand.

PRESIDENT: Certain time limit was fixed by the Government of India before the names should be sent to them. There were only two weeks or so.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there was any rule regarding the maximum age?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: What was it?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Those who were not in Government Service were elegible for selection if they were not above 30 years. Those who were in Government Service should be below 34. Two candidates above 34 were selected on the special recommendation of the committee because of their special experience and qualifications.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Were they in Government Service?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether anybody above 30 years of age who were not in Government service was selected?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: No.

Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.

362. ***MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that during certain months of the year the river water near the Travancore Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., is saline;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, the effect of the same on the working of the company; and

(*c*) whether any steps have been taken to get over this difficulty and if so, what?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The Company is aware of this circumstance and will take the necessary precautions.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the question of the saline nature of the water was taken into consideration before the selection of the locality for establishing the factory was made?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, the fact was known even before the selection and it was also known that that defect could be rectified.

Leave to Government servants.

363. ***MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR** (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether acting hands in Government service are entitled to any leave except extraordinary leave;

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